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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
The Deputy Director
Mr. Bross, D/NIPE
Mr. Duckett, DD/S&T
25X1 [redacted] Chairman SIGNIT/Watch Committees
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Mr. Karamessines, DDP
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SUBJECT : DOD Reconnaissance Paper

1. The attached papers were tabled at the 7 May Bundy Committee meeting by the Department of Defense. As you will note, the bulk of this material is substantially similar to the earlier JSC draft circulated by my memorandum of 1 May.

2. At the 7 May meeting, I explicitly reserved the Agency's position on these papers, noting that an official Agency comment could not be made until we had had a chance to look at them and the Director had had time to consider his position.

25X1 3. [redacted] has shown me the 7 May Memorandum for the United States Intelligence Board prepared by COMIREX on "overhead imagery reconnaissance of North Vietnam during a truce" (COMIREX-D-25.3/3) and the proposed briefing memorandum for Admiral Taylor in his capacity as the CIA member of USIB. These COMIREX papers deal most adequately with the requirements question but, by design, do not address themselves to the problem of high level versus low level reconnaissance or the question of the optimum high level manned vehicle -- matters better handled in different channels.

4. The attached DOD papers, which have not been formally considered by the Joint Chiefs or reviewed by Secretary Clifford, do discuss a high level-

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low level issue and assume that the only available high level flying photographic platforms are the SR71, the U-2 and the "H" model photographic drone.

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